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FARM ECONOMIC NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. George A. Billings, formerly with the Office of Farm Management and Farm Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is now Field Secretary for the New York Farmers and North Jersey Agricultural Society, 1133 Broadway, New York City. Mr. Billings was Secretary-Treasurer of the American Farm Management Association for several years and served as President of the Association during the year 1918.

A new lease contract, known as the Land-Labor Lease, is being studied by the Office of Farm Management and Farm Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in coöperation with the Department of Farm Organization and Management at the University of Illinois. This contract attempts to balance the contributions of the landlord on the one hand against the contributions of the tenant on the other. A tentative outline has been prepared and will be used by a small number of tenant farmers in Illinois who have agreed to keep the necessary records. These records will serve as a basis for a special analysis preliminary to simplifying the lease so that it may be applied to general farming regions later.

- Mr. P. E. McNall, formerly Farm Management Demonstrator at Kansas State Agricultural College, is now in charge of the farm organization section of the Department of Agricultural Economics in the University of Wisconsin,
- Mr. Harry C. Woodworth has been appointed Farm Management Demonstrator in New Hampshire. Mr. Woodworth is a graduate of the University of Illinois and later received his Master's degree at Cornell University. More recently he has farmed in Minnesota, in which State he has served two years as County Agent.
- Mr. L. G. Dodge, formerly employed in the Office of Farm Management, and at present operating a farm in Massachusetts, has received a temporary appointment as Farm Management Demonstrator in Rhode Island.

Association Progress. It is very gratifying to report that in applying the new rule which requires payment of membership dues in advance the Secretary-Treasurer has received to date approximately 500 paid-up subscriptions. Last year there were approximately 530 active

members in the American Farm Economic Association, but this number represented the work of the entire year. We now have six months in which our entire attention can be devoted to getting new members. It should be possible to secure at least 300, thus making a total of 800 members for the year 1921. Such an addition to our finances would permit some expansion in the size of the JOURNAL OF FARM ECONOMICS and it would add considerably to our enthusiasm and interest in promoting the work of the American Farm Economic Association.

Duties of State Representatives. A member of the American Farm Economic Association has been appointed in each State to represent this organization and to enlist the support of men who may be interested in farm economic problems. It will be the duty of each of these men to solicit new subscriptions and to aid the Secretary-Treasurer in checking up old subscriptions which have been allowed to lapse. It has also been suggested that the editor of the JOURNAL might ask these representatives to furnish quarterly, short news items concerning the progress of farm economic work in their respective States. Among other things these men should report (I) changes in the personnel of departments of farm management and farm economics; (2) new investigations in the field of farm economics; (3) reports of progress in connection with projects under way; (4) announcements concerning the organization of new departments; (5) new methods of using farm management and farm economic data from an instructional standpoint.

Explanation. This issue of the Journal should have been mailed to members of the American Farm Economic Association the latter part of April or early in May. Our copy was practically all in galley proof when the printers' strike was called on May 2. The latter has caused a delay of approximately eight weeks in making up and sending out the April number.